



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6188**  
Joh-E IKEDA et al. : Docket No. 2003-0980  
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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

*Responsive to the Notice dated December 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:*